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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 23rd September 1948

No. 218-T/II(3)/48.—In their Resolution No. 218-T(55)/45, dated the 12th October 1946, the Government of India referred to the Tariff Board a claim to protection received from the Pickers industry. The terms of reference to the Tariff Board are contained in paragraph 5 of Commerce Department Resolution No. 218-T(55)/45, dated the 3rd November, 1945.

2. The Board, having considered this claim, has submitted its report to Government. The Board considers that the Pickers industry is eligible for the grant of protection and has made the following recommendations:—

- (1) The present revenue duty of 10 per cent *ad valorem* should be converted into an equivalent protective duty, which should remain in force upto 31st March, 1951. If the total landed cost of 4.B round foot pickers goes below Rs. 156 per gross during the period of protection, action should be taken under Section 4(1) of the Indian Tariff Act of 1934 to raise the duty so as to make the landed cost of 4.B round foot pickers Rs. 156 per gross. Similar action should also be taken if the landed cost of imported jute pickers goes below Rs. 885 per gross.
- (2) The Indian Tariff Schedule should be amended to include the following new item:
 “72 (12) Pickers used in the textiles industries. Protective. 10% *ad valorem* March 31st 1951. and the words “and pickers” should be deleted from item No. 72(1) of the Indian Tariff.
- (3) If a trade agreement is negotiated between India and Pakistan, the requirements of India in respect of hides and skins should be borne in mind till such time as the Indian industry is in a position to obtain suitable hides within the country itself.
- (4) The possibility of supply of sperm oil from sources other than U.K. and the U.S.A. should be investigated.
- (5) The question of providing quick transport required by the pickers industry as also any representations in regard to freight rates if substantiated by facts should be favourably considered.
- (6) The Indian Standards Institution should formulate specifications and standards which the manufacturers of pickers should comply with.
- (7) Wherever there are small units of production, the Provincial Governments concerned should take steps to organise these units by providing financial aid and other facilities.

- (8) The question of improving the quality of indigenous hides through better curing and other appropriate methods should receive the earnest consideration of the authorities concerned.
 - (9) The industry should obtain authentic information whether there are any restrictions on the import of hides from Batavia owing to any agreement or understanding either between the Government of the countries concerned or between the combines or exporters of hides and manufacturers of leather goods in those countries and represent their case to Government for necessary action.
 - (10) The industry should pool its requirements for sodium sulphide and then collectively negotiate with the Imperial Chemical Industries with a view to obtaining an adequate quantity of this chemical. In case satisfactory arrangements are not arrived at, the industry should approach the Ministry of Industry and Supply for assistance in securing such supply.
 - (11) As glue is obtained as a by-product in the pickers industry, the picker manufacturers at each centre should combine and try to establish a glue manufacturing plant on an economic scale.
 - (12) In the interests of the industry, direct relations and dealings between the manufacturers of indigenous pickers on the one hand and their consumers, *viz.*, the textile industry, on the other, should be developed.
 - (13) Picker manufacturers should form an All-India Association which should ascertain the requirement of machinery for the different units and then approach Government for the necessary facilities for obtaining it.
3. The Government of India have, after careful consideration, decided to accept recommendations (1) to (4) and (8) and steps are being taken to implement them.
4. In regard to recommendation (5) in paragraph 2 of this Resolution Government will be prepared to consider with sympathy any detailed representation that may be made by the industry in this behalf.
5. Government accept recommendation (6) of the Tariff Board contained in paragraph 2 above.
6. The recommendation (7) will be brought to the notice of the Provincial Governments.
7. Government wish to draw the attention of the industry to recommendations (9) to (13) of the Board contained in paragraph 2 of this Resolution and expect the industry to take necessary steps to implement them.

ORDER

ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all Provincial Governments, all Chief Commissioners, Ministry of External Affairs (External Affairs Wing), Ministry of External Affairs (Commonwealth Relations Wing) and the several Ministries of the Government of India, Prime Minister's Secretariat, Cabinet Secretariat, the Private and Military Secretaries to His Excellency the Governor-General, the Central Board of Revenue, the Auditor General, the Director General of Employment and Resettlement, the Director General, Industry and Supply, the High Commissioner for India in London, the Economic Adviser to the Government of India, the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, the Indian Trade Commissioner, London, the Indian Trade Commissioners at New York, Buenos Aires, Toronto, Alexandria,

Colombo, Paris, Mombasa, Tehran and Sydney, His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner in India, the United States Embassy, New Delhi, the Canadian Trade Commissioner in India, the Australian Trade Commissioner in India, Norwegian Consul General, Bombay, the High Commissioner for India in Pakistan, Karachi, the High Commissioner for Pakistan in India, New Delhi, the Secretary Indian Tariff Board, Bombay, and all recognised Chambers of Commerce and Associations.

ORDERED that a copy be communicated to the Government of Burma.

ORDERED also that it be published in the *Gazette of India*.

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